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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a report as to the status of the above-noted application. This application was filed on October 23, 2003, and as of the date of this letter, no Office Action has been received in this matter. Additionally, on May 6, 2005, Applicant filed a Status Inquiry similar to this one and, as of yet, has received no response. The purpose of this letter is to insure that an Office Action has not been misdirected in the mail and, if no Office Action has been forwarded, Applicant requests an estimate as to when it might expect an Office Action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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